



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *20<sup>th</sup> August, 2023*

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Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi</b>	<b>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.00 am Mass</b> <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(3.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)</i>  <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	<i>John Joe McGroarty</i> <i>Beatrice Upham (B'day)</i> <i>Naetochukwu</i> <i>Amaraegbulem</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> August <i>Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope</i> <b>Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi</b>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Sr. Norma (Intentions)</i>
Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> August <i>Memorial of the Queenship of Our Lady</i> <b>Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi</b>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(4.00 pm Reception of Sheila Kelly)</i>	<i>Ellen Gaughan (Get Well)</i>
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> August <i>Feast of St. John Wall, Priest, Martyr</i> <b>Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi</b>	<i>(11.00 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Sheila Kelly RIP</i>
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i> <b>Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi</b>	<i>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction</i> <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	<i>Priya &amp; Jos (Thanksgiving)</i>
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Louis or of St. Joseph Calasanz</i> <b>Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi</b>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Patrick and Sara Davey</i>
Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi</i> <b>Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi</b>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <b>10.00 am Mass</b> <i>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Thomas Guterres &amp; Family</i> <i>Anne-Marie Lyons (B'day)</i>
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.00 am Mass</b> <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)</i> <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	<i>Cecilia Michael</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Levi Alston Fraser</i> <i>Oswaldo Da Silva</i>
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am		

**Welcome to Sacred Heart for Mass today, especially if you are visiting for the first time.**

**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for Thomas Gaughan, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry and all those we know who are sick. If someone you know is sick and would like to be prayed for, please let me know.

**Please pray for those who have died recently: Sheila Kelly, Bridie Jackson, Harry Slamon, Maureen McEneaney,** and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Cardinal Bernard William Griffin, Mgr. Richard J. Foster, Frs. Alan Smith, Patrick Branagan, Francis Rowe, and Deacon Peter Kilgallon, and also James Turnbull. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Our Parish Prayer: *Help us, Lord, to receive you with an open heart this day.  
May our community receive your grace and deepen its faith in you.  
Make us lights to shine forth with your love, giving life and hope to those who have fallen away  
or who have never known you. Amen.*

If you wish to watch the Mass at your home, go to

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

This Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. At present, our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Margaret Lawes. She can be contacted at: [sgsacredheart.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sgsacredheart.oxford@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern. We are still asking for someone to volunteer to take Margaret's place. Please come and see me.

#### Prayer at the end of Mass:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

**Remember: refreshments are available in the hall  
after the 9.00 am Mass on Sundays.  
Come and have a chat with friends.**

**Homes For Ukraine.** Can you help? Email: [homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk) Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

**VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE.** Now that the pandemic is not such an urgent matter we need to start rebuilding our parish. To do that we need more people to be involved in the day-to-day running. For a start, we need:

- 1. A Handyman.** Are you able and willing to do small(-ish) jobs around the church and hall? If so, please come and let me know.
- 2. People who could count the weekly collections.**

Thank you to everyone who already helps out, and it would be great to have a larger pool of helpers.

**“International Day”.** We are planning to have a day when we celebrate the different nationalities and cultures in our parish family. Hopefully, there will be tables with national cuisine, national costumes, song (and perhaps even dance). It will be a joint celebration with Our Lady's parish. There will be a planning meeting at Our Lady's next Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, at 4.00 pm.

**The Season of Creation** runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4<sup>th</sup> October (the feast of St. Francis of Assisi). The theme this year is “Let Justice and Peace Flow”.

**Harvington Pilgrimage 2023**, Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September. His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, will be the principal celebrant of the Pilgrimage Mass. All are welcome. Mass: 3.00 pm, Confessions: 1.45 – 2.30 pm. Free parking. Bring your own picnic, (teas and coffees available to purchase).

**March For Life UK, Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, London.** Join thousands of others at this peaceful, prayerful and family-friendly event in London to speak up for the unborn who cannot speak for themselves. Full details of the event can be found at [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk)

**Annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi.** We are in the annual Novena of Prayer in the Archdiocese. It goes on until the Feast of Blessed Dominic, 26<sup>th</sup> August. Please join the Archbishop and the family of the Diocese as we say the *Novena Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi*

*O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.*

*Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for us.  
St. John Henry Newman, Pray for us.  
Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us.*

**Maryvale Institute Courses.** Maryvale Institute has announced the continuation of the Bachelor of Divinity (B.Div.) and Licence Programmes. The Maryvale Higher Institute of Religious Sciences (HIRS) is the only ecclesial institute of this kind in the English-speaking world. To enquire, please contact Deacon Harry Schnitker: [researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk).

**Tailpiece:** A priest was queuing for petrol just before a holiday weekend. He had to wait a long time but at last the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. “Father,” said the young man, “I’m sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.” The priest nodded, “I know what you mean,” he said. “It’s the same in my business.”

**May God bless you and all those whom you love.  
Fr. Harry**